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9	Uttarakhand	975.00	1100.00	4000.00	0.00
10	Himachal Pradesh	1300.00	1100.00	4000.00	600.00
11	Jammu and Kashmir	1233.00	1550.00	2933.00	600.00

Corpus fund for farmers

2005. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to create a corpus fund for assisting farmers affected by crop loss;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) to (c) No proposal, at present, under the consideration of the Government, for setting up a corpus fund to assist farmers affected by crop loss. Those farmers who have taken the insurance cover under National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (NAIS) are compensated as per provision of the scheme. For crop loss, ill-put subsidy under Calamity Relief Fund/National Calamity Contingency Fund is also an eligible component.

MSP of Paddy, oilseeds and pulses

2006. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are proposing to enhance the minimum support price (MSP) of paddy, oilseeds and pulses for the year 2007-08;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the request of the State Government of Andhra Pradesh to increase MSP for paddy from the existing Rs.580/- to Rs.660/- per quintal for common variety and from Rs.660/- to Rs.725/- for grade - A variety of paddy has been acceded to;

(d) if so, the details pertaining to MSP of paddy, oilseeds and pulses for the year 2007-08; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) and (b) The Government has announced the Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) for 2007-08 kharif crops on 17th May, 2007. It has no proposal to enhance the MSPs of paddy, oilseeds and pulses.

(c) to (e) The Government of Andhra Pradesh had requested the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP) for higher MSP of paddy for the kharif 2007-08 season.

The MSPs of paddy, oilseeds and pulses announced by the Government for 2007-08 season, which have been increased substantially over and above their MSPs for 2006-07 season, are given below:

(Rs. per quintal)

Commodity	MSP
Paddy common	645
Grade A	675
Groundnut-in-shell	1550
Sunflower seed	1510
Soyabean Black	910
Yellow	1050
Sesamum	1580
Nigerseed	1240
Arhar (Tur)	1550*
Moong	1700*
Urad	1700*

* A bonus of Rs.40 per quintal is payable over the MSP.

The MSP of paddy common at Rs.645/- per quintal and of paddy Grade A at Rs.675/- per quintal for 2007-08 season provides adequate margin over and above the projected C2 cost of production *(i.e.* actual expenses incurred in cash and kind, including rent paid for leased-in land, and imputed value of wages for family labour, rent for owned land and interest on fixed capital) of paddy for Andhra Pradesh at Rs.587/- per quintal.

Short-term credit for farmers

2007. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government with the help of any existing law have allowed for negotiable warehouse receipt systems which enable farmers to use grain as collateral for short term credit and help them to avoid immediate post harvest, low price sales;